2nd November 1933]

Government Memorandum, dated 2nd July 1932, regarding the improvements to the Sengalipuram drainage.

* 287 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government (Public Works and Labour Department) issued a memorandum on 2nd July 1932 to the ryots of Nadagudi that they propose to watch the effect of the improvements made to the Sengalipuram drainage for two years;

(*b*) if so, the result of such watching during the last fasli;

(*c*) whether the rate of valuation of harvested crops in Nadagudi as ascertained by the Revenue Department during the last fasli was far less than that of the preceding five or six years;

(*d*) if so, the reason for the same; and

(*e*) what action the Government have taken with reference to the memorandum referred to in clause (*a*)?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A complete report from the Board of Revenue on this point is awaited.

(*c*) & (*d*) The answer to clause (*c*) is in the negative. A statement [a] showing the outturn in annas as recorded in the cultivation accounts is annexed.

(*e*) Proposals are awaited from the Board of Revenue.

Decline in the quantity of silt in the waters of the Cauvery.

* 288 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received complaints from the mirasidars of the Tanjore district that Cauvery waters do not carry the usual silt now after the construction of the Mettur dam?

A.—The Government have seen a statement to that effect in a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the Landholders' Association held at Negapatam in July last and also in a memorandum submitted by the Tanjore Old Delta Mirasidars' Association.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that on account of the diversion of the flood water to Colercon, the silt is carried away and wasted? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Is the hon. the Revenue Member aware that, according to G.O. No. 443 I., dated 8th May 1905, the Tanjore district ryots are not getting the same amount of silt in their water on account of the fact that the flood waters of the Cauvery are being diverted to Coleroon where they are allowed to go to waste? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I must have notice of the question, Sir."

---

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 394 infra.